

**MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI :** കൺടാക്ടർ കൊടുക്കുന്നതു ജാതി തിരിച്ചാണോ അതല്ല പണത്തുകയുടെ കറവനുസരിച്ചാണോ. ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പ്രിൻസിപ്പിൾ ഏതാണ്?

**MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP :** ജാതി തിരിച്ചല്ല. കൺടാക്ടർ കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നത്.

*Lady teachers appointed during the last ten years.*

186. **\*MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the percentage of lady teachers appointed for the last ten years in the Education Department with reference to the various communities?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN :** The time and labour involved in furnishing the information are out of all proportion to its utility.

*Classification of the Thantan Community.*

187. **\*MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Protector of the Depressed Classes (now Backward classes) has stated in his letters Nos. 998 and 1527, dated 23rd March 1937 and 9-12-1112, respectively that the "Thantan" community does not come under the category of depressed or backward classes within the purview of his protection;

(b) whether the Government have received any resolution passed at a meeting of the "All Travancore Thantan Samajam" held in the N. S. English high School, Mannar on the 8th Chingam 1113 regarding the above statement; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN :** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** May I know the percentage of literacy among the Thantan community?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN :** I would refer the member to the latest Census Report.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** May I know whether any fee concession is granted to students of that particular community?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN :** I believe Sir, half fee concession has been granted.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** My question is whether any fee concession is granted?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN :** My answer is that half fee concession is granted.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** May I know the reason why full fee concession is not granted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Because that community does not come under the category of communities eligible for full fee concession.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of granting full fee concession to them ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : I cannot answer definitely now.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether full fee concession is granted to a student studying in the Mannar N. S. S. High School ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : I claim notice.

*Onam holiday.*

188. \*MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware of the representations made in the 1st Sri Mulam Assembly for increasing the number of public holidays in connection with the Onam festivals ; and

(b) the action taken in the matter ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : (a) Yes.

(b) The question was considered and it was decided that there was no need to increase the number of holidays for the Onam festival.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Onam day would be considered by Government as a National festival in the State ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : It may be considered as a national festival for some communities. I don't know whether it is a festival for all the communities of the State.

MR. E. J. PHILIPPOSE : May I know what does the Honourable Member mean by saying that it is a national festival for certain communities ?

PRESIDENT : Because there are sub-nations in the State.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Onam day is not declared as a public holiday in the State :

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the reason why it is declared as a public holiday ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : Government have also declared other days which are important to certain other communities as public holidays. That is the policy of Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the particular reason why the Onam day has been declared as a public holiday ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : The same as that which made Government declare other days as public holidays.